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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

DA 02-588
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**COMMENTS REQUESTED ON THE COMMISSION'S NOTICE OF INQUIRY
CONCERNING EQUAL ACCESS AND NONDISCRIMINATION OBLIGATIONS
APPLICABLE TO LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS**

CC DOCKET NO. 02-39

On February 28, 2002, the Commission released a Notice of Inquiry Concerning a Review of the Equal Access and Nondiscrimination Obligations Applicable to the Local Exchange Carriers. This Public Notice confirms the comment and reply comment dates relating to the Notice of Inquiry (NOI) FCC 02-57 published in the Federal Register on March 11, 2002.

Comments By Interested Third Parties. Comments by interested third parties must be filed on or before **May 10, 2002**, and replies must be filed on or before **June 10, 2002**. All pleadings must be filed in conformance with the procedures set forth in the Commission's recent Public Notices applying to all filings (*see* DA 01-2430, DA 01-2436, DA 01-2451, DA 01-2919).

An original and four copies of all comments must be filed with William F. Caton, Acting Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-B204, Washington D.C. 20554. In addition, twelve copies of each comment must be delivered to Janice Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C327, Washington, D.C., 20554, and one copy to Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington D.C., 20554. In accordance with the Commission's earlier Public Notice announcing that hand-delivered or messenger-delivered filings are no longer accepted at the Commission's headquarters, hand-delivered or messenger-delivered filings must be delivered to **236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002**.¹ The filing hours at this location will be 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.

¹ See Public Notice, FCC Announces New Filing Location for Paper Documents, DA 01-2919 (rel. December 14, 2001).

Other messenger-delivered documents, including documents sent by overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service (USPS) Express Mail and Priority Mail), must be addressed to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. This location will be open 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The USPS first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should continue to be addressed to the Commission's headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The USPS mail addressed to the Commission's headquarters actually goes to our Capitol Heights facility for screening prior to delivery at the Commission.

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United States Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail	445 12 th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Filings and comments are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. They may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

In addition to filing paper comments, parties **are encouraged also to file comments electronically** using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See* Electronic Filing of Document in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed Reg. 24, 121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, postal mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by the Internet e-mail. To receive instructions, send an email to ecfs@fcc.gov and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. **Parties are also requested to send a courtesy copy of their comments via email to jveach@fcc.gov, and gremondi@fcc.gov.**

Availability of Information. A wide range of information relating to the NOI and Section 251(g) of the Communications Act of 1934 may be retrieved from the Commission's website at

<http://www.fcc.gov>.² Specific information, such as comments and replies may be obtained from the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), which is accessible through the Commission's website.

Calendar

Comments Due: May 10, 2002

Reply Comments Due: June 10, 2002

By the Common Carrier Bureau.

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² The rules relating to public information and the inspection of records are set forth at sections 0.441 through 0.470 of the Commission's Rules. 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.441-0.470.